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Chester (15)

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BIRMINGHAM VICINITY
(Birmingham Township)

TOWN or VICINITY

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SHARPLESS HOUSE

STRUCTURE

(Walker House) (PA-118)

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On Birmingham Rd. (LR 15087), N of State Rte. 926 (Street Rd.). Coursed hexagonal serpentine ashlar (W front elevation) and coursed and random rubble, T-shaped, main section three by four bays with three-bay rear wing, two-and-a-half stories, gable roof with gable end over front elevation, gabled dormers, deep eaves, cornice returns, wooden porch

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across front elevation, two-story wing on N elevation. Built in several stages, chronology unknown; earliest section may date from ca. 1700; front section built ca. 1800 (prior to 1810); additions between 1800-31; remodelled 1861 and mid 20th c. Birthplace of Isaac Sharpless, a Quaker leader and president of Haverford College 1887-1917. Gabled facade is unusual design feature in Chester County. 3 ext. photos (1962); 1 data page (1979).

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